



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. 05-43

### **FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY**

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Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire" or "Company") the following Information Requests:

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department to the Company in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the Company or its witness receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
4. The term "provide complete and detailed documentation" means:

Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting work-papers.

5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.
6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. Please file one copy of the responses with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary of the Department; also submit two (2) copies of the responses to John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, one (1) copy of the responses to Sean Hanley, Assistant Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; one (1) copy of the responses to Stephen Crowley, Analyst, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; one (1) copy of the responses to Mauricio Diaz, Analyst, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; and one (1) copy of the responses to Miguel Maravi, Analyst, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division.
8. In addition to filings all non-proprietary responses should be submitted by e-mail to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and to the e-mail address of any party required to be served.
9. Responses are due on or before Thursday, June 23, 2005.

### INFORMATION REQUESTS

- DTE 1-1 Refer to Supplemental Schedule 2--Weather Normalization at 1-5. How did the Company determine what “billing cycle sales months” to use in the calculation of the base load for each rate class? Are the months used to determine base load stipulated in the performance-based ratemaking plan (“PBR”) approved in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-56? If yes, provide a cite to the appropriate section of the PBR plan.
- DTE 1-2 Refer to Supplemental Schedule 2--Weather Normalization at 1. For rate class R-2, please explain why the number of billing cycle customers declines in the months of November, December, August, September and October.
- DTE 1-3 Refer to Supplemental Schedule 2--Weather Normalization. Please explain in detail, using data, calculations and assumptions, how the Company computed its weather normalization adjustment.